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Merit Award Scholarship Promise Kept

Senate Gets Bill to Extend Application Deadline

LANSING -- To keep the promise of the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship for eligible college freshmen, the Senate took up legislation to extend the deadline until November 15 this year for reporting eligibility.

"I believe this legislation is a step in the right direction, we are fulfilling our promise to hardworking Michigan students and families. By extending the application deadline we are giving more students the opportunity for a higher education," said Senator Bill Hardiman.

Senate Bill 701 extends the date by which a college freshman must certify his or her Merit Award score from September 15 to November 15 for this year only. The extension is necessary because of the delay in certified results from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).

"We promised these scholarships to our students and we should honor that commitment. Michigan students need and deserve their hard earned scholarships," said Senator Hardiman.